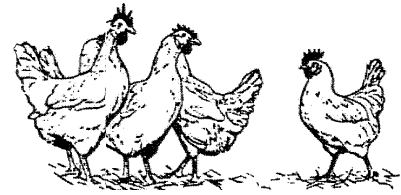


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U.S. DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

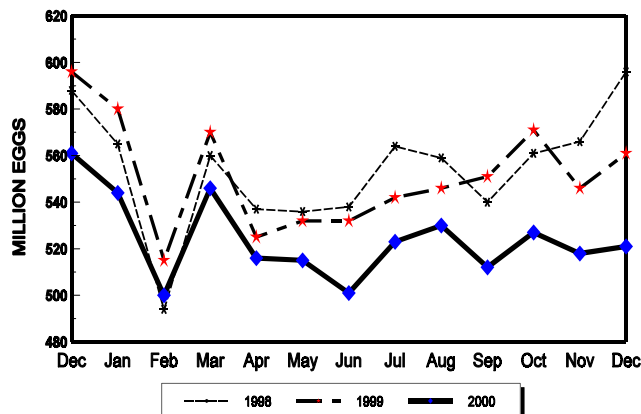
U.S. egg production totaled 7.28 billion during December 2000, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.20 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 63.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2000 averaged 332 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during December 1999. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,192 eggs, down 1 percent from the 2,214 eggs in December 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2001 totaled 332 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 332 layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.85 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day on January 1, 2001 averaged 70.3 per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 71.0 eggs a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg-producing states produced 6.81 billion eggs during December 2000, down 1 percent from December 1999. The average number of layers during December, at 311 million, was up 1 percent from a year earlier.

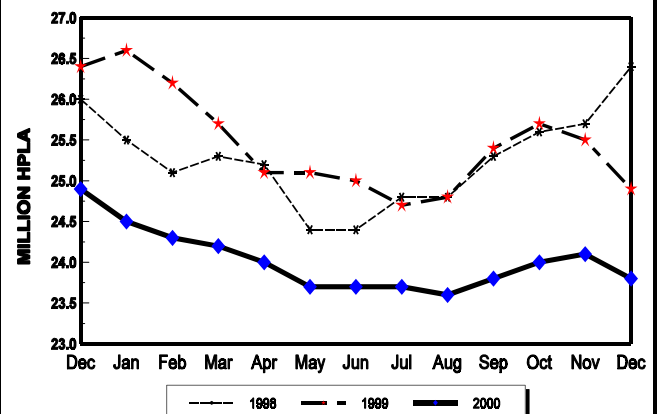
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during December totaled 521 million, 3.00 million more than last month, but 40.0 million less than last December. The average number of layers during the month totaled 23.8 million, down 1 percent from last month and 1.11 million below December 1999. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,187 compared to 2,145 last month and 2,250 in December 1999.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000



AVERAGE NUMBER OF HPLA, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000



DECEMBER LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, JANUARY 1 FORCED MOLTING

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands	Thousands	Number	Number	Millions	Millions	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alabama	10,443	10,247	1,982	1,923	207	197	1.5	2.5	13.0	8.5
Arkansas	15,782	15,250	1,926	1,977	304	301	1.0	1.0	8.0	13.0
California	24,931	23,826	2,250	2,187	561	521	4.0	9.0	39.0	38.9
Georgia	21,002	20,775	2,181	2,108	458	438	3.0	2.0	15.5	22.5
Indiana	22,743	23,129	2,335	2,235	531	517	2.0	4.0	32.0	33.5
Iowa	27,242	31,106	2,247	2,324	612	723	5.0	3.5	33.0	31.5
North Carolina	11,429	11,093	1,934	1,981	221	219	1.0	0.0	10.5	8.5
Ohio	31,454	29,459	2,283	2,186	718	644	0.5	3.0	13.0	26.5
Pennsylvania	22,720	23,931	2,271	2,328	516	557	4.5	5.5	21.0	18.5
Texas	17,899	18,624	2,252	2,185	403	407	2.5	0.5	21.0	20.5
UNITED STATES	328,828	331,908	2,214	2,192	7,279	7,275	2.9	3.4	22.9	24.1

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The December 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 739 million, was down 1 percent from December of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 611 million on January 1, 2001, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.43 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2000. This was down 8 percent from December 1999.

DECEMBER BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

State	1999	2000	2000 1999
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Alabama	100,713	101,969	101
Arkansas	110,968	107,517	97
Delaware	15,792	14,723	93
Florida	9,677	8,827	91
Georgia	110,801	110,410	100
Maryland	31,470	29,025	92
Mississippi	65,048	65,767	101
North Carolina	63,631	64,762	102
Pennsylvania	12,795	12,841	100
South Carolina	16,963	17,062	101
Texas	50,161	53,568	107
Virginia	23,420	22,617	97
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	40,899	40,302	99
Other States ^{1/}	96,100	89,406	93
UNITED STATES	748,438	738,796	99

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during December totaled 35 million, up 6 percent from December 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.9 million on January 1, 2001, up 11 percent from a year ago.

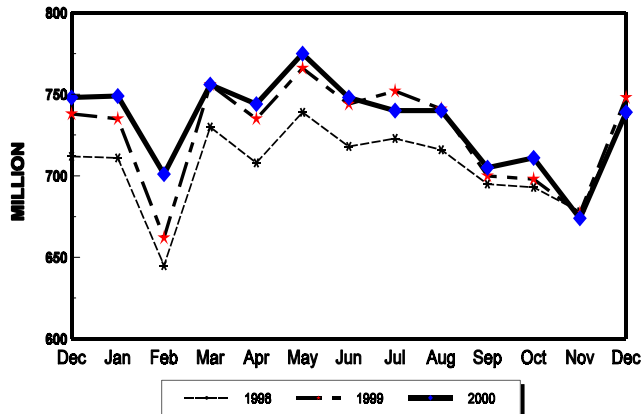
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 324 thousand during December 2000. This was up 85 percent from December 1999.

DECEMBER EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

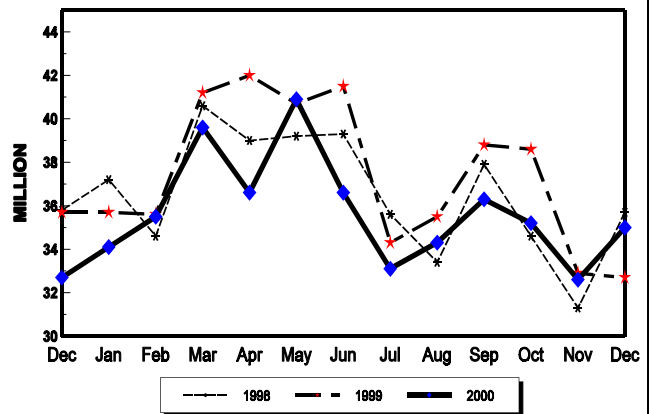
State	1999	2000	2000 1999
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	727	738	102
Florida	885	1,030	116
Georgia	1,652	2,133	129
Indiana	5,844	6,170	106
Iowa	4,989	4,518	91
Kansas	267	173	65
Minnesota	1,156	1,368	118
Missouri	306	306	100
Pennsylvania	4,757	5,418	114
Other States ^{1/}	12,462	13,154	106
UNITED STATES	33,045	35,008	106

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000



EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000



JANUARY 1 EGGS IN INCUBATORS

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2001/2000
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
North Atlantic	11,961	11,426	96	5,792	5,767	100
East North Central	8,124	6,951	86	7,715	7,869	102
West North Central	20,437	18,419	90	5,735	6,818	119
South Atlantic	234,443	230,208	98	3,352	3,646	109
South Central	325,116	319,489	98	3,028	5,232	173
West	23,693	24,219	102	4,843	4,590	95
UNITED STATES	623,774	610,712	98	30,465	33,922	111

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average December prices received by California producers, when compared to November average prices, decreased 3 cents per pound for turkeys. Market eggs increased 14 cents per dozen from last month.

Nationally, the December average prices received by producers decreased 3 cents per pound for broilers and 6.5 cents per pound for turkeys. Market eggs increased 11 cents per dozen.

POULTRY/EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	December 1999	Nov. 15, 2000	Dec. 15, 2000
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers <u>2/</u>	Lb.	---	---	---
Market Eggs <u>3/</u>	Doz.	38.00	54.00	68.00
Turkeys	Lb.	48.00	53.00	50.00
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers <u>2/</u>	Lb.	36.80	38.00	35.00
Market Eggs <u>3/</u>	Doz.	43.30	58.40	69.40
Turkeys	Lb.	42.20	47.00	40.50

^{1/} The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} Published annually starting in May 1999.

^{3/} Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

U.S. TURKEYS RAISED IN 2000

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2000 totaled 270 million birds, down 1 percent from the 273 million turkeys raised during 1999. Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 43.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 41.0 million, Arkansas with 28.0 million, Virginia with 25.5 million, Missouri with 23.0 million, California with 18.0 million, and Indiana with 13.5 million. These states accounted for 71 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States.

U.S. TURKEY GROWERS PLAN FOR 2001

Turkey growers in twenty-three states intend to raise 1 percent fewer birds in 2001 than they did in 2000. These states accounted for more than 99 percent of the turkeys raised in 2000. Intentions for the top seven producing states compared with 2000 are as follows: Missouri down 4 percent, North Carolina up 1 percent, and Arkansas, California, Indiana, Minnesota and Virginia were all unchanged. The number of turkeys actually raised in 2001 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

TURKEYS RAISED AND INTENTIONS

State	1999	2000	²⁰⁰⁰ 1999	2001 Intentions	²⁰⁰¹ 2000
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	27,000	28,000	104	28,000	100
California	17,500	18,000	103	18,000	100
Indiana	13,500	13,500	100	13,500	100
Iowa	7,800	7,100	91	6,000	85
Minnesota	43,500	43,500	100	43,500	100
Missouri	22,000	23,000	105	22,000	96
North Carolina	44,000	41,000	93	41,500	101
Pennsylvania	9,800	9,300	95	9,700	104
South Carolina	9,500	9,900	104	9,200	93
Virginia	24,000	25,500	106	25,500	100
U.S. Total	270,494	269,969	100	265,700	99

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2001 in the United States totaled 31.8 million, up 2 percent from January 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 4 percent from the December 1 total of 30.6 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, unchanged; West North Central, up 3 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 5 percent; South Central, down 9 percent; and West, up 2 percent.

The 23.2 million poults placed during December 2000 in the United States were down 5 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 1 percent from the November total of 23.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 1 percent; West North Central, down 5 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 7 percent; South Central, down 10 percent; and West, up 8 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

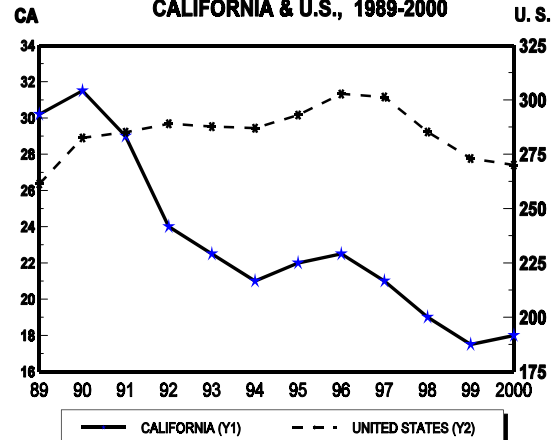
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Jan. 1		2001 2000	Poults Placed during Dec.		2000 1999
	2000	2001		1999	2000	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
E N Central	4,816	4,836	100	3,302	3,261	99
W N Central	10,134	10,460	103	8,447	8,013	95
N & S Atlantic	9,733	10,193	105	7,806	7,290	93
S Central	3,374	3,064	91	2,871	2,576	90
West	3,146	3,198	102	1,932	2,086	108
U.S.	31,203	31,751	102	24,358	23,226	95

U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		00-01 99-00	Cumulative Total		00-01 99-00
	1999-00	2000-01		1999-00	2000-01	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept.	21,794	23,016	106	21,794	23,016	106
Oct.	22,313	23,672	106	44,107	46,688	106
Nov.	23,379	23,357	100	67,486	70,045	104
Dec.	24,358	23,226	95	91,844	93,271	102
Jan.	24,676			116,520		
Feb.	24,197			140,717		
Mar.	25,741			166,458		
Apr.	25,094			191,552		
May	25,816			217,368		
June	26,880			244,248		
July	26,822			271,070		
Aug.	24,731			295,801		

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

NUMBER OF MILLION TURKEYS RAISED CALIFORNIA & U.S., 1989-2000



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	December 31, 1999	November 30, 2000 <u>a/</u>	December 31, 2000	Dec. 2000 Dec. 1999	Dec. 2000 Nov. 2000
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	28,762	44,127	30,675	107	70
Chickens	Lbs.	57,835	41,249	39,160	68	95
Ducks	Lbs.	344	126	77	22	61
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	86,941	85,502	69,912	80	82
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	254,251	260,797	241,833	95	93
Chickens	Lbs.	803,359	756,845	807,540	101	107
Ducks	Lbs.	3,760	4,326	3,403	91	79
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,061,370	1,021,968	1,052,776	99	103
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	10,071	15,231	15,040	149	99

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